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Title: DEVICE AND A PROCESS FOR THE ISOLATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS

AMENDMENT SUBMITTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.16

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant submits the instant Amendment by facsimile, on March 31, 1999, in conjunction with his previously filed Appeal Brief, to correct the errors in claim numbering occurring in the Amendment filed November 24, 1997; thereby, reducing the issues on appeal. In order to effect the necessary corrections, the claims are rewritten as they were in the November 24, 1997, Amendment, with the incorrect claim numbers placed in brackets and the correct claim numbers underlined.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claims 62-68 and 70-81 with the following claims 82-100.

82. A process for the isolation and purification of nucleic acids from cells comprising, in two separation/purification stages, the steps of: